

SENATE BILL 2201
By Crutchfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-29-101; Section 40-29-102; Section 40-29-103; Section 40-29-104 and Section 40-29-105, relative to restoration of citizenship.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-29-101, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

Persons rendered infamous or deprived of the rights of citizenship by the judgment of any state or federal court may have their voting rights restored through the procedures set out in § 40-29-105 after receiving a pardon, except where such pardon contains special conditions pertaining to the right to suffrage; service or expiration of the maximum sentence imposed for any such infamous crime; or being granted final release from incarceration or supervision by the boards of probation and parole, or county correction authority. All other rights of citizenship shall be restored by court order.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-29-102, is deleted in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-29-103, is deleted in its entirety.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-29-104, is deleted in its entirety.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-29-105(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the language:

(a) The provisions and procedures provided for in this chapter shall apply to all person convicted of an infamous crime after May 18, 1981.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-29-105(b), is amended by deleting the language "after July 1, 1986, but before July 1, 1996" accordingly and substituting instead the language "after May 18, 1981".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-29-105(b)(2), is amended by inserting the language “but before July 1, 1996,” after the words “July 1, 1986,” and by deleting the semi-colon (;) at the end of the sentence and substituting instead a period(.).

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-29-105(b)(2), is amended by adding the following sentence to the end of the subdivision.

A person rendered infamous on or after July 1, 1996, by virtue of being convicted on one (1) of the following crimes shall never be eligible to register and vote in this state: murder, rape, treason or voter fraud;

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-29-105(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.